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Robyn leads the Educational Initiatives team in the Office of the Dean, with a particular focus on supporting school-wide efforts and department/program educational partnerships. After joining Stanford's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) in 1999 as Assistant Director for Science and Engineering, Robyn went on to become Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and CTL's Director in 2013, a position that she held prior to joining the new Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (VPTL) in 2014. During her time at VPTL, Robyn led teams in faculty and graduate student teaching development, as well as evaluation and research.

Robyn received a B.A. in geology from Trinity University followed by an M.A. in Antarctic marine geology and Ph.D. in geology from Rice University. During the course of her graduate work, Robyn participated in five Antarctic research cruises and holds the distinction of being one of the first two women to conduct Antarctic marine research aboard a U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker. By the time she received her Ph.D., Robyn's research, her career, and her soul had shifted to the ancient rock record and the spectacular geology of the Four Corners area. Robyn was a faculty member in geology at the University of New Mexico and at Rice University before coming to Stanford.

On the personal side of things, Robyn enjoys time with her husband (and Stanford professor) Rob Dunbar, her two wonderful sons, and way too many long-haired dogs and cats. Along with Rob, she has participated in numerous Stanford Travel Study trips to exotic destinations and enjoys the mesa country, gardening, and turning over rocks.